

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1-5, as shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for secure data transmission in selling products, wherein a product selection terminal $[(10)]$ as well as counter ~~means (20)~~ mechanism comprising a document reading station $[(22)]$, and a product delivery storage $[(30)]$ are provided, and wherein at the product selection terminal $[(10)]$ a product is selected and a document $[(16)]$ for the selected product is output by ~~means of~~ a printing device $[(14)]$, characterized in

that said document $[(16)]$ is provided with a first self-checking encryption code $[(P)]$ and with a first algorithm $[(f_1, f_2)]$ for encrypting a product identification of the selected product or the selling identification of a selling process, wherein one or more selling identifications are provided on said document,

that said encryption on said document $[(16)]$ is identified (decrypted) at the document reading station $[(22)]$, wherein the value associated to said product is detected and forwarded to said counter ~~means (20)~~ mechanism for balancing the value (payment),

that after the payment of said product said counter ~~means (20)~~ mechanism delivers an electronic information carrier $[(26)]$ by an output device $[(24)]$ connected thereto, wherein said electronic information carrier includes a CPU $[(28)]$ generating a second self-checking encryption code $[(P')]$ having any encryption depth by ~~means of~~ using a second algorithm $[(f_1, f_2)]$ for encrypting all the products being paid, ~~wherein said second encryption code is different from or even the same as the first encryption code, and~~

that said electronic information carrier [(26)] is supplied to a reading unit [(32)] in said product delivery storage [(30)] in order to identify and to decrypt said second encryption code [(P)], wherein in case of an authorized identification the delivery of the selected product [(34)] in the selected quantity from the product delivery storage [(30)] is started.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method for secure data transmission in selling products according to claim 1, characterized in that said output device [(24)] includes a CPU [(28)] generating said second self-checking encryption code (P') ~~by means of~~ using a second or the same algorithm (f_1, f_2, f_1, f_2) for encrypting the products being paid, wherein said electronic information carrier [(26)] is provided as a passive memory and wherein a PIN is additionally inserted.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method for secure data transmission in selling products according to claim 1, characterized in that in a variation said first algorithm [(f₁, f₂)] does not represent any encryption algorithm and thus no encryption of said document [(16)] is applied.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method for secure data transmission in selling products according to claim 1, characterized in that an encrypted data transmission between said product delivery [(30)] and said product delivery terminal [(10)] is provided.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The method for secure data transmission in selling products according to claim 1, characterized in that said data transmission between the individual zones comprising the product selection zone [(1)], the counter zone [(2)] and the product delivery zone [(3)] is established by ~~means of~~ information carriers and[/or] devices

operating by [[means]] a mechanism of printing engineering, radio engineering, lighting engineering or magnetically.

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